



Adrian First
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sharing God's Love
since 1830.

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The Next Two Weeks at a Glance

Sunday, Aug 10th

9:30 am Worship

Monday, Aug 11th

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry

1:00 pm STW

6:30 pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Tuesday, Aug 12th

9:00 am Staff Meeting

10:00 am Quilters

Wednesday, Aug 13th

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry

6:00 pm WOW Dinner

Thursday, Aug 14th

1:00 pm Little Dresses

Friday, Aug 15th

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry



Sunday, Aug 17th

9:30 am Worship

Monday, Aug 18th

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry

6:30 pm Chiaroscuro Rehearsal

Tuesday, Aug 19th

9:00 am Staff Meeting

10:00 am Quilters

6:00 pm Leadership Board Meeting

Wednesday, Aug 20th

10:00 am Fishes & Loaves Pantry

12:00 pm STW & Hot Meals

5:30 pm Migrant Camp Food Ministry

5:30 pm WOW Dinner

A Note from Pastor Alice:



In that particular Michigan way, it cooled down for a bit and we thought, maybe, perhaps, the hot part of summer was ended. But, Michigan likes to tease us. Still plenty of warm weather to come!

Life is that way in so many ways. We might think a season is ending with all of the feelings of joy or sadness around that; but there's always more that God has in mind.

I went and spent time today with Evie Gonser after learning of the passing of her beautiful daughter, Dawn. When I asked what she would like me to pray for, she said: "New beginnings." Maybe that prayer request was for Dawn. Or maybe for Evie and family as they find their way through grief. And, maybe as a reminder to us all, of the grand new beginning that comes at the end of our time on earth. No matter her reasoning, the reminder is good for us all. Pray for new beginnings. Every day, let's pray for new beginnings.

On that note, our conversation with BRIO PACE continues. Conner has put up building plans showing how BRIO would modify the space if we approve the use of the building for them. Along with that is a list of possible ways we can move our current ministries to ensure all is well cared for.

We would love to hear from you. Please feel free to let me or Conner or anyone on the Leadership Board know your thoughts at this time as we continue to pray new beginnings each and every day.

Stay blessed, friends!

-Rev Alice

Ministry Shares Report (formerly Apportionments)

As of June of this year, AFUMC has paid 100% of our Michigan Conference Ministry Shares of \$39,820.00. This is due to the generous and faithful tithing of our congregation. In fact, not only did we pay 100% of our Ministry Shares in 2024, we paid an additional \$3,700 to help offset those churches that could not afford to pay their entire apportionment for that year. The Leadership Board is being asked at their next meeting to approve an additional \$3,700 contribution by our church to the Michigan Conference again in 2025. We, as a church, want to share our financial blessings with the larger church to continue spreading the story and works of Christ nationally and globally. Thank you so much for your continued support of Adrian First. Bless you!!-Bryan Bowers

Events



Sunday Discovery: Join us! As we head into the Fall program year we will be having our annual Fall Sunday Kickoff on September 14th during and after worship to mark the beginning of a new school year. More details to follow but please mark that in your calendars now! We are still in need of nursery volunteers, if this is something you may be interested in please see me! ~Ms. Lainey



WellWise Services
Area Agency on Aging

Connection Café

COME MEET PEOPLE
AND ENJOY FOOD, TOPICS, AND FUN



ON THE MENU FOR
AUGUST:
"SELF-DEFENSE &
SAFETY AWARENESS"



Midwest Mission: Our Little Dresses group needs donations of flannel in 2 yard increments, preferably with no camo or bug patterns, as these will be made into diapers, and layettes and then donated to the Midwest Mission, reaching children in impoverished countries the world over. Please drop off donations to the display near the Church Office or the Church office . See the Display!



AFUMC Outreach in Our Community

Our Outreach Team has several activities planned for the month of July, and we would love for more members of the congregation to join us! If you are interested, please either call or text Sandra Harsh at 517-265-9284. These are great opportunities to grow in your faith while serving others.

Migrant Dinners: Along with St. Mary's outreach program, we will be providing meals this summer on Wednesdays 8/20, and 9/17. We will meet at our church at 6:30 to pick up the food, carpool over to St Mary's, and then out to the farm in Deerfield. These will likely be late nights, but a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with our migrant workers. These are great opportunities to grow in your faith while serving others.

Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry- We are seeking helpers for this new ministry of Adrian First. We need help with food items provided, stocking shelves, greeting clients, helping to bag food for clients. Please let the office know of your interest. We are also seeking donation of a couple of refrigerators.

Opportunities to Give

Little Food Pantry- Drop off in the Red Box outside of the nursery/ preschool rooms, or in the office. Take what you need and add as you are able.

St. Mary's Food Pantry- We will be participating again with Meijer Simply Give Program running from Sunday June 29 to Saturday September 27. The cards will be available at the parish office and front and back of the church and at Meijer check out. Our Double match days are Saturday August 13 and Saturday September 13. Your purchase of \$10 card will be matched by Meijer and returned to us as \$30 donation on those 2 days. Otherwise, \$20 donation for the rest of the days. Please support St Mary's Food Pantry. Thanks for all who participate and for your support and generosity.

Share the Warmth- Donations of items as well as volunteers are always needed. Top needs are disinfectant, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, printer paper, eggs, whole milk, breakfast bars, coffee, sugar, creamer, non-perishable food items, cereal, bottled paper, frozen meat, Advil/ Tylenol, cold/flu meds, blankets, pillows, twin sheet sheets, and bath towels/ washcloths. Please contact Heather at heather@stwlenawee.org or call 734-625-0053.

Prayer Requests & Updates

Please contact the church office with your prayer requests by phone, email or note on your connection card. Prayer requests will be shared with the congregation through the bulletins and Tidings. If the prayer request is private, please note at the time of request.

We also invite you to share your joys and celebrations. Just email the church office. Please know that prayer is our foundation and everything we do is surrounded in prayer.



Current Prayer Concerns:

Ann Guldin, Latrice, Jayce & Zaniyah McKellar, Christopher Jackson, Jaime (Cheryll Leonard's Niece) Carol Moore, Kelli Bullock, Casey Gray, Rev. David Morton, Jason Gray (Nephew to Lora Crombez) and Anna Gray (Jason's Daughter) Tom Tarris, The Grandson of Fred Smith, Lynn Wheelock, (sister-in-law of Marty Schoonover), Rose Boyd (sister in law of Tom Odell), Ralph Marsai (brother of Carolyn Siler), Sue Workman, Pamela Powers, Yvonne Raleigh, Greg Dumars, Ron Harwick, Pat Dunlap, Shirley and Bill Ehnis, Vicki King, Fred Kruse, Vonda Lemon, John Thurman, and Barb Villarreal.

The Bergman Family for the passing of Thomas Bergman on July, 17th, 2025.

The Gonser Family for the Passing on Dawn Elaine Stornant on July 30th, 2025.

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Ongoing Ministries

HANDICRAFTERS: 6:30 pm 2nd and 4th Mondays

GARDENING : 930am n the Memorial Garden Tuesdays
(weather permitting)

QUILTERS: every Tuesday from 10am-2pm in the Lounge

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 7:00 am first Wednesday of month at Family Kitchen

W.O.W. (Wednesdays of Wonder): 5:30 pm -7:30 pm weekly

PRAYER GATHERING: 10:00 am first Thursdays in Room 3

HANDBELL CHOIR: Every Wednesday at 6:45 pm in Room 13

LITTLE DRESSES: 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 1 - 3 pm

PUB THEOLOGY: 4th Thursday of each month at Aubree's @ 5:30pm.

CHORALE: Every Sunday at 8:15 am in Room 18

Please check the online calendar for all information & current updates.

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